

**Madison County Weed Board**  
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The Regular meeting of the Madison County Weed Board for June 19, 2008 was called to order at 1:35 p.m. by Chairperson Betty Sykes. Present at the meeting were Board members, John Armstrong, Charlie Gilman, Ted Coffman, & Chuck Buus, Program Assistant Dale Grose, Coordinator, Margie N. Edsall, Office Assistant Janie Alt, & Sam Korsmoe, Compliance Tech.

John Armstrong made motion to approve the May 20, 2008 meeting minutes as presented. Charlie Gilman seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

**Office & Program** Margie informed the Board that Commissioner Dave Schulz had received a complaint about the crews spraying by Horse Cr. where people pick asparagus. Margie said she was unaware that it was growing there & will discuss this matter with the crew.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> Madison County hosted the Crew Training at the Alder Fire Hall this year with about 60 in attendance.

13<sup>th</sup> Margie helped Ann Schwend, Ruby Watershed Coordinator with the Welcome to the Neighborhood event that was held in Twin Bridges. This program is to invite new landowners to participate in a weed ID, educational and informational gathering.

16<sup>th</sup> Margie, Madison County BLM crew and Mike Mooney, Dillon BLM & a few of the ranch hands from the Hollowtop sprayed in the N. Willow Cr. drainage and dropped down into the Hollowtop. Leslie Kinney, manager of the Hollowtop, provided lunch for the crews after the work day.

17<sup>th</sup> Margie made 3 releases up Mill Cr by Eclipse Cr. of *mencinus janthinus* a stem boring weevil on Yellow Toadflax.

28<sup>th</sup> will be the Ruby Spray Day

Marina Smith, manager of the Elk Meadows has agreed once again to put the crew up for the week of July 14 - 17 while they spray down in the South Madison. The Board would like to thank her for her generosity once again.

Shawn Jones, J2 Weed Control reported to Margie that he hasn't been able to start on the Madison River Project due to high water. Said it was running about 1000 cfs higher than he felt comfortable with.

**Personnel:** Dale filled the Board in on the progress of the crews. Said they're close to expending both Butte & Bozeman DOT divisions for end of the fiscal year.

Dale reported that the crews haven't been able to do a lot of the roads due to water issues.

Burma spray day with Beaverhead County & Dillon BLM was canceled due to weather conditions. Crew went out the following week to spray what they could.

**Equipment:** Dale reported the pressure switch on one of the new Jackrabbit sprayers was bad. He talked to Tim from Warne Chemical. Tim said there were a few other complaints on that batch of pumps.

Margie visited with the Board about buying a new 4 wheeler & a replacement truck for the 94 Ford. She said she had budgeted for it in the coming fiscal year.

**Alder Facility:** Margie reported to the Board that there has not been any word from the Facility Advisory Committee on this issue. She will keep the Board updated on any progress.

**Other Old Business:** None

## **New Business:**

**Weed Management Plans:** 2 plans were submitted. One was a re-submitted plan from Eric Smith Minor and the other was for Moonlight Basin Village Tracts PUD. Ted moved to approve both plans. John seconded, all voted aye. Motion carried.

**Waterloo Canals:** Margie met with George Markin, US Forest Service to look at a few places in the Silver Star area to do some bio control test plots on Leafy Spurge. Margie said that the Parrot Ditch has a substantial problem of Leafy Spurge. She said she would like to get a working relationship with some of the landowners & water users to help offset chemical cost. Ted asked her about the possibility of getting a grant for next year. Several options were discussed and Margie said she would see if she could get a group of the users together to try and come up with some sort of solution.

**Budget:** Line item 231 for gas and oil was increased to \$30,000 for the next fiscal year **2140** - \$382,015.65, **2840** – \$63,172.78

**Other New Business** \_None

NEXT BOARD MEETING WILL BE JULY 17<sup>th</sup> @ 1:30

**Meeting adjourned at 2:37**



**Minutes respectively submitted by:  
Janie Alt, Office Assistant**